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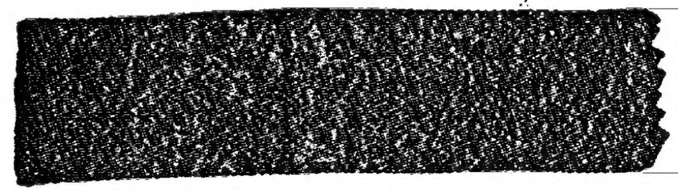
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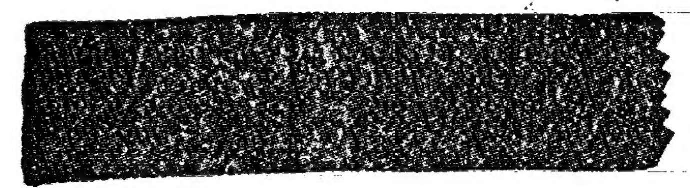
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ALGERIAN WEATHER BUREAU CHIEF DISCOUNTS SAUCER REPORTS -- Dakar, Paris-Dakar, 7 Aug 52

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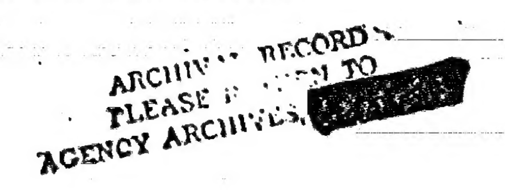
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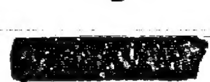
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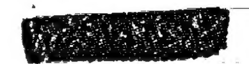
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